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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Anaheim – Man Sentenced to 30 Years for Conspiring to Aid ISIL

(U) One of the two Anaheim men convicted of conspiring to aid the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Authorities arrested Nader Elhuzayel at Los Angeles International Airport in May of 2015, as he was preparing to board a plane to Turkey to join ISIL. In addition to the 30 years in prison, Elhuzayel was also ordered to have supervised release for life. Jurors took just over an hour to find the two men, both 25 years old, guilty of the charges.

SOURCE: 26 September 2016, [ABC 7](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – FBI Data Shows Increase in Murder, Violent Crime in 2015

(U) Washington - A report issued yesterday by the FBI says the number of murders rose by more than 10 percent in 2015 from 2014, while violent crime overall was up nearly 4 percent. Experts say the increase is driven by a spike in violent crime in at least several large cities, but they caution that the country is in the midst of such low crime rates that even the tiniest increase appears larger than it is. The FBI report is based on information supplied by local law enforcement agencies through the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, which compiles data on murders, aggravated assault, car thefts and other crime.

SOURCE: 26 September 2016, [AP](#)

(U) Virginia – Ransomware Targets US Government Organizations

(U) Reston - A new active ransomware campaign has been detected targeting US government and educational institutions. The ransomware was dubbed MarsJoke after researchers uncovered a "string contained within the code: 'HelloWorldItsJokeFromMars.'" The ransomware gives victims 96 hours to pay up the ransom, up \$320 (0.7 bitcoins), after which it begins deleting files. The primary targets appear to be US state and local governments as well as K-12 educational institutions. The campaign also targeted healthcare, telecommunications, insurance and other organizations.

SOURCE: 27 September 2016, [International Business Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) India – Six Top JMB Extremists Arrested by Police Special Task Force

(U) Kolkata – A Special Task Force has busted a major Jamat-ul-Mujadidden Bangladesh (JMB) terror cell operating from east and northeast India. Police say that the cell was planning major strikes in festival bound Bengal, Assam and at least one south Indian state. Among those to be arrested are JMB Bengal unit chief Anwar Hussain Farukh alias Imam, JMB North East unit head Sahidul Islam alias Surya,

and Bengal chief motivator and number two in the JMB India hierarchy Maulana Yusuf alias Abu Bakkar.
SOURCE: 26 September 2016, [Times of India](#)

(U) Iraq – Bombings Kill at Least 17 Civilians

(U) Baghdad – Separate suicide bombings ripped through busy commercial areas in Shiite-dominated neighborhoods of the Iraqi capital today, killing at least 17 civilians, officials said. The deadliest attack took place in the eastern New Baghdad neighborhood, where a bomber approached a gathering of construction workers and set off his explosives-laden vest, killing 11 civilians. At least 28 civilians were wounded and the explosion damaged nearby shops and cars. Hours later, another suicide bomber blew himself up in an outdoor market in the southwestern neighborhood of Bayaa, killing six shoppers and wounding 21 others.

SOURCE: 27 September 2016, [Seattle Times](#)

(U) Spain – Police Arrest Two Accused of Supporting ISIL

(U) Madrid – Spanish police have arrested two Moroccan men accused of supporting ISIL and potentially planning an attack on European soil, the Interior Ministry said yesterday. The ministry said one of the accused planned on joining ISIL in Syria and had traveled to the country's border with Turkey to meet a member of the organization for training before returning to Europe to take part in an attack.

SOURCE: 26 September 2016, [The Daily Star](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Surge of Migrants From Haiti, Africa and Asia

(U) Mexico City – Mexican immigration authorities said Saturday they have been hit by a surge of almost 5,000 Haitian, African and Asian migrants entering by the southern border in just a few days. Recent experience suggests the 4,749 migrants entering through Mexico's Tapachula immigration center on the Guatemalan border will soon try to reach the California border, with many expected to apply for asylum. The institute said a total of 7,800 Haitian migrants entered Mexico through Guatemala between 1 January and 21 September, as well as 1,701 migrants from Africa and 3,753 from various Asian countries.

SOURCE: 24 September 2016, [NY Times](#)

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